

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2143**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Buchanan**

February 23, 2012

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An act to amend Section 314 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to Public Utilities Commission.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2143, as introduced, Buchanan. Public Utilities Commission: inspections.

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities. Existing law authorizes the commission, each commissioner, and each officer and person employed by the commission to inspect, at any time, the accounts, books, papers, and documents of any public utility, as specified. Existing law also authorizes the commission, each commissioner, and any officer of the commission or any employee authorized to administer oaths to examine under oath any officer, agent, or employee of a public utility in relation to its business and affairs.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to that provision.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     SECTION 1. Section 314 of the Public Utilities Code is  
2     amended to read:

1     314. (a) The commission, each commissioner, and each officer  
2 and person employed by the commission may, at any time, inspect  
3 the accounts, books, papers, and documents of any public utility.  
4 The commission, each commissioner, and any officer of the  
5 commission or any employee authorized to administer oaths may  
6 examine under oath any officer, agent, or employee of a public  
7 utility in relation to its business and affairs. Any person, other than  
8 a commissioner or an officer of the commission, demanding to  
9 make any inspection shall produce, under the hand and seal of the  
10 commission, authorization to make the inspection. A written record  
11 of the testimony or statement so given under oath shall be made  
12 and filed with the commission.

13     (b) Subdivision (a) also applies to inspections of the accounts,  
14 books, papers, and documents of any business—~~which~~ *that* is a  
15 subsidiary or affiliate of, or a corporation—~~which~~ *that* holds a  
16 controlling interest in, an electrical, gas, or telephone corporation  
17 with respect to any transaction between the electrical, gas, or  
18 telephone corporation and the subsidiary, affiliate, or holding  
19 corporation on any matter that might adversely affect the interests  
20 of the ratepayers of the electrical, gas, or telephone corporation.